

## Message Text

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EO 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: MASSN, PFOR, SZ  
SUBJ: MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS

REF: STATE 145945

1. BACKGROUND: UNDER PRESENT UNDERSTANDING, IN EFFECT SINCE MAY 1974, SWISS AUTHORIZE 40 REGULARLY SCHEDULED OVERFLIGHTS PER MONTH (28 DC-9 AERO-MEDICAL FLIGHTS AND 12 C-141/C-130 MIXED PASSENGER CARGO FLIGHTS). ON AS REQUIRED BASIS, APPROX 20 ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS ARE ALLOWED TO PROVIDE OVERFLIGHTS AND LANDINGS FOR VIPS, EMERGENCIES, ETC.
2. RECENT USAFE STUDY CONCLUDED THAT APPROX 400 FLIGHTS PER MONTH ARE ROUTED AROUND SWISS AIR SPACE AT AN ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF \$1.8 MILLION PER YEAR IN OPERATING COSTS AND OVERFLIGHT CHARGES.
3. WORKING LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN EMBASSY STAFF AND SWISS FED AIR OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF AIR OFFICE WOULD BE AMENABLE TO INCREASING NUMBER OF SCHEDULED FLIGHTS IN INTEREST OF ENERGY CONSERVATION.

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4. SWISS AIR OFFICE HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WOULD AGREE TO DOUBLE PRESENT QUOTA, T ATIS TO 80 FLIGHTS PER MONTH INSTEAD OF 40. ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF CURRENT UNDERSTANDING WOULD REMAIN THE SAME, INCLUDING CURRENT LEVEL OF CIP/EMERGENCY FLIGHTS.
5. ONLY REQUEST SWISS HAVE MADE IS THAT WE REAFFIRM

EXISTING UNDERSTANDING WHICH GOVERNS OVERFLIGHTS.

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